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$$0_{2N} \xrightarrow{NH} X^{2} \qquad (1)$$

(57) Abstract: The present invention provides a method for producing a 4-nitroimidazole compound represented by general formula (1) at high yield and at high purity by a safe method causing few dangers such as explosion. The production method of the present invention comprises iodinating a 4-nitroimidazole compound represented by general formula (2): wherein each of X1 and X2 represents a chlorine atom or bromine

atom, and then reducing the obtained 5-iodo-4-nitroimidazole compound represented by general formula (3): wherein X^2 is the same as defined above.